

Memory Verse for June 6, 2010
Romans 8:1-27

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. **3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. **5** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. **6** For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. **7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. **8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. **10** But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. **11** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. **15** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" **16** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. **20** For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. **22** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. **23** And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. **24** For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. **26** Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. **27** And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Lord's Day
May 30, 2010
Morning Worship, 8:30 a.m.



The prelude signals the congregation to prepare quietly for worship.
Please disable electronic devices to prevent disruption.
Assisted listening devices are available from the sound booth attendant.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

†Silent Prayer

Almighty Father, what a multitude of eyes and hearts are directed to you today, as your people gather worldwide! You are rich enough to supply them all, and your tender compassions extend to the lowest and most unworthy. Like the sun, you can cheer and enlighten thousands and millions at once, and your blessings are not diminished by being shared among many. The greatest earthly monarch would soon be poor if he was to give a little (though but a little) to all his subjects; but you, Lord Jesus, have unsearchable, inexhaustible riches of grace to bestow. The innumerable assembly before the Throne have been all supplied from your fullness; and yet there is enough and to spare for us also, and for all that shall come after us. Holy Spirit, give us an eager appetite, a hunger and thirst that will not be satisfied with anything short of the bread of life; and then we may confidently open our mouths wide, for you have promised to fill them. Amen.

—Adapted from a letter by John Newton (1725 – 1807)

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 69:30, 32-36

I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive. For the LORD hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners. Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them. For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah, and people shall dwell there and possess it; the offspring of his servants shall inherit it, and those who love his name shall dwell in it.

**Congregation standing †Congregation invited to kneel*

***Hymn of Praise**

“Give Praise to God”

Give praise to God who reigns above
For perfect knowledge, wisdom, love;
His judgments are divine, devout,
His paths beyond all tracing out.

REFRAIN

Come, lift your voice to heaven’s high throne,
And glory give to God alone!

No one can counsel God all wise
Or truths unveil to his sharp eyes;
He marks our paths beyond, before;
He is our steadfast Counselor. (Refrain)

Nothing exists that God might need
For all things good from Him proceed.
We praise Him as our Lord, and yet
We never place God in our debt. (Refrain)

Creation, life, salvation too,
And all things else both good and true,
Come from and through our God always,
And fill our hearts with grateful praise. (Refrain)

—James Montgomery Boice / Paul S. Jones

†Confession of Sin

Our soul is like a house, small for you to enter, but we pray that you will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask you to remake it. It contains much that you will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But, to whom can we cry except to you? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, O Lord, and our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, Lord our God, tell us what you are to us. Say to my soul, “I am your salvation.” Come, O Lord, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love you and hasten to your side. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

—Adapted from Augustine’s *Confessions*

***Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

***Hymn of Faith in Christ**

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

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Tithes and Offerings

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
For he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.
And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity:
The whole earth let His glory fill. Amen, so let it be.

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:25-35

Sermon

“You Cannot Be My Disciple”

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

We invite you to participate in the Lord’s Supper if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a member or regular attender of this or some other congregation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and encourage you to reflect on these prayers during the time of the Lord’s Supper.

Prayer for those Searching

O God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have; the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved; the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to bring deep satisfaction. “Nothing tastes.” Could it be, as someone once said, that, “Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you”? God, if this is true, please reveal yourself to me, and open my heart to you to find that ultimate rest. Help me to believe your Word and your Son’s love for me. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord God, I now see that I am weaker and more flawed than I ever before believed, but in Christ, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. Even as I have not loved you or my neighbor with all of my heart, you have shown your love for me in that while I am still sinning, Christ died for me and took upon himself the condemnation that I deserve. I now know that You owe me nothing for my efforts, but you offer acceptance, love and blessing into all eternity because of Christ's efforts on my behalf. I therefore ask that you would enable me to turn away from trusting in my own efforts to gain your acceptance and forgiveness, and trust in the perfectly righteous efforts of Christ on my behalf in order to be accepted by you and entered into your holy family. And just as you raised Christ from the dead, so too I ask that you would give me new a life in Christ, one that will lead eventually to heaven itself. Thank you for Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit to believe in him alone for my salvation. Amen.

Supper Hymn

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded" #247

Reading of Scripture Psalm 45:1-17

*Closing Hymn

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" #455

Benediction

†Silent Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and to worship one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and give us grace to walk worthy of you, who lives and reigns ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Postlude

Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.



Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship** Revelation 4:11
Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

*Hymns of Praise

"Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!" #19
"Fairest Lord Jesus" #170

Congregational Prayer

- Unreached People Group: Shaikh of Bangladesh
- Persecuted Church: Morocco
- Missions: Ken Feucht, Bangladesh
- Health/Family: Penny Heins
- Comfort: Beth Jensen's family
- Children/Youth: Abby Foster, Bella Foster, Brielle Goodnough, Elaina Goodnough, Titus Goodnough, Lindsay Heins, Wesley Isenberger, Bella Jackson

Scripture Reading Psalm 49

Sermon "Wisdom in Times of Trouble"

*Closing Hymn

"Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide" #402

Benediction

Postlude

